

Amnesty 2005 FAQ's

1. Q: What's the purpose of "Amnesty"?

A. Child support is owed to many children across this region. For the sake of these children, Amnesty is an opportunity for parents who have not made regular support payments to get back on track without fear of prosecution.

2. Q: What jurisdictions are participating in Amnesty 2005

A. The District of Columbia, Arlington, Virginia and Maryland.

3. Q: What makes Amnesty different from any other time of the year?

A. For two weeks, August 1st through August 13th, non-custodial parents who have outstanding warrants for unpaid child support or other child support issues, can visit their local child support enforcement office in any of the participating jurisdictions without fear of being arrested for that warrant.

4. Q: Are you letting people who owe child support off the hook?

A. No. We are giving them a chance to do the right thing for their children. During the Amnesty period, they may visit their local child support enforcement office and start paying their child support obligation. If there is an arrest warrant for their non-payment of child support, they won't be arrested during August 1st through August 13th.

5. Q: Do people seeking Amnesty need to bring money with them? If so, How much?

A. Yes, they should bring a lump sum payment in order to show good faith and be prepared to resume regular payments. They should also bring current employment information with them. If they are unable to work due to a medical disability, they will need to provide written documentation from their physician.

6. Q: What happens to the people who owe child support in these jurisdictions, but don't come in to get back on track during Amnesty?

A. At the conclusion of the Amnesty period, each participating jurisdiction will resume traditional and aggressive enforcement activities on delinquent child support cases.

7. Q: If I have a child support warrant/case in another county, can I come into the other County's child support office during Amnesty to "work things out"?

A. No. You should contact your local child support office to resolve the issue.

8. Q: How do I learn more about Amnesty?

A. You may contact, or visit your local child support office, or go online:

Maryland

www.dhr.state.md.us

1-800-332-6347

Arlington County

www.dss.virginia.gov/family/dcse.html

1-866-488-2591

District of Columbia

www.cssd.dc.gov

(202) 442-9900